GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ
SHIVAJI VITHALRAO KAMBLE

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission to be allocated to Maharashtra for Panchayati Raj Institutions;

(b) the amount of funds released by the Union Government to Maharashtra for this purpose, so far;

(c) whether the allocated amount has not been fully released to Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Union Government is likely torelease the remaining amount; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) :

(a) to (f) The Tenth Finance Commission (TFC) had recommended total grants of RS. 347.01crore to Maharashtra for Panchyati Raj Institutions (PRIs) for the period 1996-97 to 1999-2000.Grants amounting to Rs. 216.88 crore had been released to the State Government during the same period.

The balance amount of PRI grants could not be released because the Government of Maharashtrahad not furnished complete details of utilization in time in respect of the grants released by the Centre and had also not fulfilled the guidelines prescribed for the purpose. Entitlements to grants recommended by any Finance Commission lapse after the period of its recommendations get over.